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Serial No.: to be assigned	)	Confirmation No.: Unknown
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Filing Date: June 2, 2006	)	Customer No.: 53897
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Title: Antisense Compounds Targeted	)	
to Connexins and Methods of Use	)	
Thereof	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file history. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fees, or any fees in connection with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 3 of this paper.

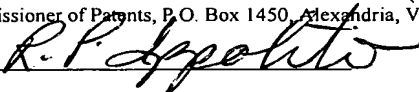
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the following remarks and enter the following changes. Consideration and allowance of all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

***No Admission.*** The specification and claims presented below are labeled pursuant to the request of the Patent Office for convenience in examination. Reference to a claim as “currently amended” is not an admission that the claim was altered for any reason related to patentability.